

## REMARKS

Applicants have carefully studied the outstanding Office Action. The present amendment is intended to place the application in condition for allowance and is believed to overcome all of the objections and rejections made by the Examiner. Favorable reconsideration and allowance of the application are respectfully requested.

Applicants have amended claims 1, 9, 17, 18, 28, 29, 40, 41, 46 and 51 to more properly claim the present invention. No new matter has been added. Claims 1 – 3, 6, 7, 9 – 11, 14, 15, 17 – 25, 28 – 36 and 38 - 51 are presented for examination.

In Paragraphs 5 and 6 of the Office Action, the Examiner has rejected claims 1 – 3, 6, 7, 9 – 11, 14, 15, 17 – 19, 23 – 25, 29, 30, 34 – 36, 38 and 40 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Moore et al., US Pub. No. 2004/0189707 A1 ("Moore") in view of <http://Fototime.com/ftweb/fahelp/> published web pages 212.htm, 138.htm and 210.htm ("Fototime").

In Paragraph 7 of the Office Action, the Examiner has rejected claims 41, 42, 44 – 47 and 49 - 51 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Drucker, US Pub. No. 2006/0161867 A1 (Drucker") in view of Fototime.

In Paragraph 8 of the Office Action, the Examiner has rejected claims 43 and 48 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Drucker in view of Fototime and further in view of Graham et al., "Time as Essence for Photo Browsing through Personal Digital Libraries" ("Graham").

In Paragraph 9 of the Office Action, the Examiner has rejected claims 20 – 22, 28, 31 – 33 and 39 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Moore in view of Fototime and further in view of Drucker.

### Response to Examiner's arguments

In Paragraph 10 of the Office Action, the Examiner responded to applicants' arguments from applicants' previous response and amendment. On page 14 of the Office Action, par. 3 and par. 6, the Examiner has indicated that the feature that a filter can be deactivated without returning to a previous state is not recited in the claims. Applicants have accordingly amended independent claims 1, 9, 17, 18, 29 and 40 to include the limitation of independently activating or deactivating each filter without affecting the activation statuses of the other filters. This limitation is supported in the original specification as indicated below.

On page 16 of the Office Action, par. 6, the Examiner has indicated that Drucker's video filter 1920 (Drucker / FIG. 19 and par. [0126]) causes the display area to only show video objects. Applicants have carefully reviewed Drucker and respectfully submit that element 1920 is described by Drucker as an illuminator, and not a filter, and has no active functionality. It is merely an indicator. In order to further clarify the distinction between the lock mechanism of the present invention and the video illuminator of Drucker, applicants have amended independent claims 41, 46 and 51 to include the limitations of (i) an unlocked content filter being automatically de-activated when another content filter is activated, and (ii) a locked content filter not being automatically de-activated when another content filter is activated. These limitations are supported in the original specification as indicated below.

On page 17 of the Office Action, par. 3, the Examiner has indicated that Fototime has the feature of affecting the display of the group filter based on a user selected date range. Applicants respectfully submit that the display of the group filter is not affected by the user selected date range. By browsing to <http://web.archive.org> one can download and install the Fototime software as of July 2003 and observe that all groups are displayed in the group filter regardless of the selection made in the date filter. In addition, the specific examples provided in 138.htm seem to indicate that there is no

dependency of one filter interface on another; specifically, although the date filter is set to Jan. 1999 – Jan. 2000, the "Switzerland-1998" group is still visible in the group filter.

The rejections of the independent claims 1, 9, 17, 18, 29, 40, 41, 46 and 51 in paragraphs 5 - 7 of the Office Action will now be dealt with specifically.

#### Claim 1

As to amended independent claim 1 for a computer readable storage medium, applicants respectfully submit that the limitations in claim 1 of

*"instructions for a plurality of interfaces for content filters that filter a catalog of assets, each interface including at least one control for setting at least one content filter parameter, the content filters including a category based filter and a file folder based filter", and*

*"instructions for a filter activation interface for displaying the content filter parameter settings and for displaying corresponding checkboxes, each checkbox being used for activating or de-activating its corresponding content filter, wherein each content filter can be independently activated or de-activated without affecting the activation status and parameter settings of the other content filters"*

are neither shown nor suggested in Moore or Fototime.

#### Claims 9 and 17

As to amended independent method claim 9 and amended independent claim 17 for a computer-readable storage medium, applicants respectfully submit that the limitations in claims 9 and 17 of

*"providing a plurality of interfaces for content filters that filter a catalog of assets, each interface including at least one control for setting at least one content filter parameter, the content filters including a category based filter and a file folder based filter", and*

*"selectively activating or de-activating the content filters by checking or un-checking each of a plurality of checkboxes, the checkboxes corresponding to the content filters, wherein each content filter can be independently activated or de-activated without affecting the activation status and parameter settings of the other content filters"* are neither shown nor suggested in Moore or Fototime.

#### Claim 18

As to amended independent claim 18 for a computer readable storage medium, applicants respectfully submit that the limitation in claim 18 of

*"instructions for an interface for generating a plurality of metadata constraints, wherein each constraint sets at least one value for a metadata property, for modifying values associated with the generated metadata constraints, and for selectively activating or de-activating the generated metadata constraints by respectively checking or un-checking checkboxes corresponding to the constraints, wherein each metadata constraint can be independently activated or de-activated without affecting the activation status and settings of the other metadata constraints"*

is neither shown nor suggested in Moore or Fototime.

#### Claims 29 and 40

As to amended independent method claim 29 and amended independent claim 40 for a computer-readable storage medium, applicants respectfully submit that the limitations in claims 29 and 40 of

*"generating a plurality of metadata constraints, wherein each constraint sets one or more values for a metadata property", and*

*"selectively activating or de-activating the generated metadata constraints by respectively checking or un-checking checkboxes corresponding to the constraints,*

*wherein each metadata constraint can be independently activated or de-activated without affecting the activation status and settings of the other metadata constraints"* are neither shown nor suggested in Moore or Fototime.

#### Claim 41

As to amended independent claim 41 for a computer readable storage medium, applicants respectfully submit that the limitation in claim 41 of

*"instructions for a plurality of filter interfaces for setting parameters of corresponding content filters that filter a catalog of assets, each content filter having an activation status of being in an active or inactive state and having a lock status of being in a locked or an unlocked state, and each filter interface having a display generator for rendering a user interface display, wherein at least one such user interface display for a content filter is dependent upon the lock states of the other content filters, and wherein (i) an unlocked content filter is automatically de-activated when another content filter is activated, and (ii) a locked content filter is not automatically de-activated when another content filter is activated", and*

is neither shown nor suggested in Drucker or Fototime.

Neither Drucker nor Fototime disclose such a lock mechanism.

#### Claims 46 and 51

As to amended independent method claim 46 and amended independent claim 51 for a computer-readable storage medium, applicants respectfully submit that the limitation in claims 46 and 51 of

*"rendering a user interface display for a content filter, that is dependent upon the lock states of the other content filters, and wherein (i) an unlocked content filter is automatically de-activated when another content filter is activated, and (ii) a locked content filter is not automatically de-activated when another content filter is activated"*

is neither shown nor suggested in Drucker or Fototime.

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Support for Amended Claims in Original Specification

The limitation in claims 1, 9, 17, 18, 29 and 40 of independently activating or deactivating each filter without affecting the activation status of the other filters is described in the original specification at FIGS. 1 and 2 and at pars. [0031] – [0033].

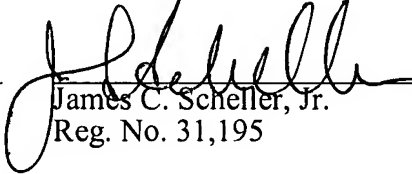
The limitations in claims 41, 46 and 51 of (i) an unlocked content filter being automatically de-activated when another content filter is activated, and (ii) a locked content filter not being automatically de-activated when another content filter is activated are described in the original specification at element 280 of FIG. 2 and its caption, and at pars. [0040] – [0043].

In view of the above amendments and remarks, and having dealt with all of the matters raised by the Examiner, early reconsideration and allowance of the application is respectfully requested.

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